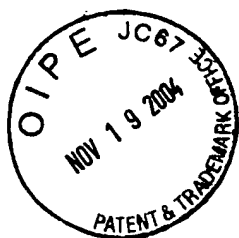


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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

To supplement the Information Disclosure Statement of January 26, 2004, the Examiner is requested to consider the references in a corresponding International Search Report which the Applicant has received for the PCT/JP 2004/009137 (International Search Report enclosed). Applicant also notes that the reference includes two U.S. patent references and since the National Stage Application was filed after the rule change of June 30, 2003, a copy of each U.S. patent reference need not be submitted. However, Applicant encloses herewith, as a courtesy the copies of the U.S. patent references as well.

Applicant requests consideration of the following references.

JP 2001-286589 A has been cited in the corresponding International Search Report under Category X with regard to the corresponding claims 1, and 8-9 and under Category Y with regard to claim 2 and under Category A with respect to claims 3-7, and 10-17. The

reference discloses a golf tee having a pedestal part for placing a golf ball and an insert part inserted into the ground wherein the connecting member is extended in the direction of the cavity part and freely moveable forward and backward in rotation to the cavity part. This reference is in Japanese and there is no English translation available to Applicant at this time. However, an English language abstract is enclosed along with this Japanese reference.

U.S. 5,242,170 A has been cited in the corresponding International Search Report under Category X with regard to claims 1, and 8-9 and under Category Y with regard to claim 2 and under Category A with regard to claims 3-7 and 10-17. This reference discloses a two piece, realignable golf tee comprising a lower integrally molded plastic piece comprising a ground spike, a central flange, a relatively thin, flexible retainer shaft extending away from the ground spike in substantially parallel relation, and an enlargement adjacent the outer end of the retainer shaft.

JP 4-189374 A has been cited in the International Search Report under Category Y with respect to claim 2. The reference discloses a pedestal member with plural support arms having a spring action which are inclined to the outside of this pedestal member and energized elastically to the center side of the pedestal member which are arranged radially toward the upper part. This reference is in Japanese and there is no English translation available to Applicant at this time. However, an English language abstract is enclosed along with this Japanese reference.

U.S. 6,344,003 B1 has been cited in the corresponding International Search Report under Category Y with respect to claim 2. This reference discloses a golf tee for use with a


golf ball comprising a body having a tapered shape for placing into the ground and a support member extending from an upper portion of the body.

JP 56-51885 Y2 has been cited in the corresponding International Search Report under Category A with regard to the claim 4. This reference discloses a golf tee with a separate inner member which provides additional support for the ball. This reference is in Japanese and there is no English translation available to Applicant at this time.

JP 59-194532 has been cited in the International Search Report under Category A with respect to claim 17 the corresponding 59-100458 reference is enclosed. This reference discloses a golf tee with an upper portion and a lower portion wherein the upper portion is deflectable. This reference is in Japanese and there is no English translation available to Applicant at this time.

Favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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